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### DRUG PURCHASING METHODS DISCUSSED

**Tenders Not Called for in This Branch of Buying.**

**PRESIDENT RAYMOND SAYS ALL WILL END RIGHT**

**Opinions of the Different Local Druggists in the Matter—Will Have Early Attention of the Board.**

The methods in vogue with the officers of the Board of Health in purchasing drugs for the government physicians having been questioned the Bulletin has made an effort to secure the statements of all parties concerned.

From an inspection of the accounts at the Board of Health, it appears that the bill for drugs last year was over \$12,000. Of this sum, \$7,000 was for drugs for Molokai; the remainder was for drugs for government physicians throughout the Islands.

Formerly these drugs were purchased on tenders made by the different druggists. This business like plan was discontinued by the former Board of Health and the present Board finds the system among the various legacies it has inherited.

Dr. Raymond, president of the Board said: "Requisitions are now made by the country government physicians, which are sent to the office of the Board of Health. The purchases are then made by Executive Officer Pratt. As the public knows, the affairs of the Board of Health are in a transition stage. This matter of government drug purchases is one that I have not yet had time to take up in detail.

However, I will say that my plan for a reorganization of the Board on a business basis will settle the drug purchasing matter satisfactorily to all. There will be a purchasing agent, if I have my way, who shall be competent and responsible. All we want is a chance to straighten things out.

"As to the merits of the old system of purchases on tenders or bids, you may say for me that I know of goods purchased by the Board of Health, then at high prices, for which the government got inferior drugs. The lepers and the poor patients got the worst of it. I propose to do away with all that. I propose to see to it that we get good drugs and the worth of our money.

"If my suggestions as to the appointment of a Health Commissioner and a purchasing agent are carried out, I think we will have a Health department second to none in the world.

"There may be grievances from tradesmen. I will say, however, that if Benson, Smith & Co. have had the most of the business, it is probably because they have furnished the best goods. They always give a square deal and, if any favoritism is shown by Dr. Pratt in his purchases, it must be for that reason.

"However, I do not think Dr. Pratt is the man to show favoritism to any firm. He is working hard for the public and is not receiving the credit I know to be his due."

When seen by the Bulletin man, Dr. Pratt said: "The Board's purchases of drugs amounted in round numbers, last year, to \$12,400. When I came into office, I found things running this way and as President Raymond's policy seems to be to do away with government physicians, I thought there would be no

necessity to return to the tender system, merely for a short time.

"The business is now divided among the local druggists. In fact, I don't know much about the business myself, as the requisitions are taken in hand by Secretary Wilcox and forwarded by him to the druggists.

"Unless something unusual appears in the requisition, Secretary Wilcox checks the druggists' bill with the requisition and the bill is paid without examination by the Board."

T. W. Hobron of the Hobron Drug Co., when told that the Board of Health claims to be dividing the government drug business equally among the houses, said: "Well, our business with the Board of Health last year amounted to \$100. All of this, however, was not direct purchases by that body. I think it is a great hardship to the taxpayers, not to have this drug business submitted on bids. If the Board of Health wants to buy a broom, it calls for tenders; if they want drugs, it is another matter. When the tender system was in vogue the government paid for drugs not over \$4,500 annually. I do not believe the increase in population has been sufficient to warrant a drug expense of three times that amount. We have had no opportunity to bid for this government drug business."

George W. Smith of Benson, Smith & Co., said, that as a member of the Board of Health, I know nothing of the system of purchasing drugs. It is in the hands of the executive officers or Secretary Wilcox. As a member of this drug firm, I am satisfied with the methods of the Board of Health. We get a little business. I have no knowledge of what the other druggists are doing."

### RETAIL MILK THIEF

**NOCTURNAL VISITOR IN THE MILK MAN'S WAKE**

**Steals a Gill, a Pint or a Quart From the Bucket on the Back Porch of Unsuspecting Families.**

Some enterprising pilferer has hit upon a clever scheme to avoid buying milk. The scheme is merely to steal it. The thief plays his trade under cover of the night and makes nocturnal visits in the wake of the industrious milk wagon.

There are a great many deliveries of milk between the hours of two and five in the morning. Trusting housewives leave a receptacle on the back porch or on the back stoop and into this the delivery boy from the dairies, pours the daily ration. Sometimes it is a quart; sometimes a gallon.

The man or woman who follows in the milkman's wake, wears rubber-soled shoes and noiselessly approaches and carries away what is thought the trade will stand.

If the facilities are good, a pint of water is added to cover up the stealings. At times, the thief is in a hurry and fails to make even this watery restitution.

As a middleman between the dairy and the milk consumer, this nocturnal thief is not a public benefactor and his trade is bound, sooner or later, to bring disrepute upon the dairy.

The complaints are multiplying fast and, unless the thief is intercepted, many households will go milkless to breakfast and the orders for early deliveries will of necessity, be discontinued.

### LI HUNG SURELY DEAD

Copies of the Tien-Tsin Po (The Tien-Tsin News) were received here on the last steamer by many prominent Chinese. This paper positively affirms the death of the great Chinese statesman, Li Hung Chang, at Itung on December 2 of last year.

### GILL CASE NOLLE PRO'D.

E. S. Gill appeared in the Police Court this forenoon on the charge of assault with a weapon obviously and imminently dangerous to life. As the Gill case is in the hands of the Grand Jury, Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth asked that a nolle prosequi be entered. This was granted by Judge Wilcox.

### Hand Cut Off.

A Hawaiian boy was badly injured at the shops of the Honolulu Iron Works, Kakaako, at about 12 noon yesterday. He was engaged in the lifting of some heavy iron when his left hand became caught. The poor fellow had all the fingers and about one-half of the hand cut off clean. The native is now at the hospital undergoing treatment.

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### U. S. A. T. INDIANA IN LAST NIGHT

**Has Aboard Dead, Sick and Wounded Soldiers**

**MEN COMPLAIN ABOUT FOOD ON TRANSPORT**

**Story Contradicted by Others—Story of Aguinaldo's Death Not Believed—Desertions from Uncle Sam's Army.**

The U. S. A. T. Indiana, Captain Merle, arrived unexpectedly last night after an uneventful trip of 23 days from Manila. She has aboard, over five hundred sick and wounded soldiers and in her hold two hundred dead.

Several army officers and their wives are aboard the vessel and some of the soldiers are traveling as private citizens, they having received their discharges before leaving Manila.

There seems to be a good deal of complaint among the men aboard regarding their food, while others say that the food is as good and plentiful as can be expected. Be this as it may, many of the discharged soldiers are going no further than Honolulu in the Indiana.

From one of the men aboard, a tale of bad food and a great scarcity of it was had. He was a private and just convalescent. One of the hospital corps men said that everything in the food line was all right. He acknowledged, however, that the men not in the cabin were getting the kind of food that they got "at home with mother."

A story of desertions from the American ranks in the Philippines was had from one of the privates. He told of a negro named Fagan who had deserted and gone over to the Filipinos. Through the agency of this man, the Filipinos were prevented from doing much damage to the Americans. The negro had deserted on account of harsh treatment by officers. Many American soldiers had deserted for the same cause, although but few of them had gone over to the enemy.

The Macabebes are doing great service under American officers and as they are the mortal enemies of the Tagalos, they take no prisoners. These natives have learned to yell as they charge and the yelling is said to be as great, if not greater, assistance in a charge, as bullets.

With regard to the death of Aguinaldo, the men on the Indiana think that this is a mistake. There was an Aguinaldo killed by the troops but the President of the Filipino junta is believed to be still enjoying good health.

This is confirmed by reports by the secret service department which was organized among some of the disloyal Tagalos by the Americans. These natives—men and women—are in the employ of the army as spies and as a rule their information is reliable.

The Indiana will probably get away for San Francisco tomorrow afternoon unless it is decided to make necessary repairs to her boilers which are in a pretty bad condition. She is taking 400 tons of coal here.

### Captain Merry and Party Hard at Work

Neither Lieutenant Commander Pond nor Arthur Merry, clerk at the Naval Station, received any direct word by the Solace from Captain Merry who is now in Guam. From the officers of the Solace, it was learned that Captain Merry and his party are doing good work and making great progress with what labor they started out to do in and around the harbor of San Luis de Apra and Captain Merry was of the opinion that, in three months time, he would be back in Honolulu again.

On account of the loss of the Yosemite, the natives of the island are being employed with their boats to do considerable work. Captain Merry's party is now domiciled in houses erected by them and all are enjoying good health.

By the Solace, Captain Merry sent fifty small cocoanut trees for planting at the Naval Station here. The sprouts are of a very superior quality and, when grown, will prove a great ornament to the station.

New Telephone Company. The articles of incorporation filed by the Century Telephone Company some time ago, have been approved by Attorney General Dole.

### EDWIN S. GILL WAS ARRAIGNED TO-DAY

**His Attorney Will Enter Plea of Demurrer Tuesday.**

**GRAND JURY STARTS ON TOUR OF INVESTIGATION**

**Other Arraignments on Indictments by the Grand Jury—Matters Settled by Judge Humphreys at Chambers.**

Edwin S. Gill was arraigned in Circuit Court this morning on a Grand Jury indictment, charging him with assault with a weapon obviously and imminently dangerous to life. He was represented by Attorney F. W. Hankey who asked for time in which to formulate a plea or demurrer to the indictment. The matter was set for next Tuesday forenoon. Gill's bond was fixed at \$500.

Okakichi, a Japanese, was also arraigned on a like charge. He entered a plea of not guilty and was represented by Attorney Brooks.

Okakichi is the man alleged to have cut Ah Hin over the head with a knife during the progress of a gambling game in a den at Makiki. The case came up in the Police Court but, after trial, the defendant was discharged on account of insufficient evidence. The Chinaman was not satisfied and took steps to bring his case before the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury has practically concluded its examination of criminal cases and this afternoon began its work of investigating the institutions. At 2 o'clock the members entered hacks and proceeded to the insane asylum, which is the first place to be honored by these visitors.

In the estate of Captain Harry English, the following distribution of property was ordered this morning by Judge Humphreys: One-fourth to Harry English, one-fourth to Robert, one-fourth to John, sons; one-fourth to three grandchildren. The total value of property distributed was about \$450. The distribution was made on the petition of H. Smith, administrator.

Solomon Kuweli was arraigned in court this morning on indictment for larceny in the second degree. Plea was reserved and W. J. Robinson appointed by the court to defend him.

Kamehameha, for larceny in the second degree, was also arraigned; same plea taken and same defense appointed. Nalhe was arraigned on the charge of larceny in the second degree; plea reserved and H. A. Bigelow appointed to defend.

B. Snead, who was arraigned a few days ago on the charge of larceny in the second degree through his attorney, W. W. Thayer, entered a plea of not guilty.

The petition of H. E. McIntyre, executor, and Jane Walker, executrix, for discharge in the estate of John S. Walker, was granted.

The petition of George Boardman, executor under the will of Eliza J. Boardman, for allowance of accounts and discharge, was granted.

### Bitting's Case is Put Over to Monday

The habeas corpus case of C. C. Bitting in the United States Federal Court was called up this morning at 10 o'clock by Judge Estee. Leon Strauss appeared for George A. Davis, Bitting's attorney, and moved for a continuance to next Monday. A letter from J. Davis to Judge Estee stated that, owing to illness he was unable to appear in the case and asked that the trial be deferred. The Judge accordingly set the hearing for Monday morning at 10 o'clock. A large number of the members of the bar were present to hear the proceedings.

### FOR SICK SOLDIERS.

L. P. Teney went to the transport Indiana this forenoon and asked Surgeon Captain Jones who is in charge of the sick and wounded soldiers if he would object to ladies of the city visiting the vessel with their carriages and taking the men out for an airing. Surgeon Jones replied that he not only would not object but that he would be most glad if the men were taken out for an airing. This was just exactly what was needed.

Fine Job Printing at the Bulletin Office.

### YOUNG ATHLETES ARE VERY ACTIVE

**Are Considering Proposition Made by W. C. Achi Recently.**

**PLANS FOR CLUB HOUSE AND OTHER FEATURES**

**Maile Hima Club is Branching Out in All Directions—Nomination of Officers—Quintet Club.**

The Maile-Hima Club which was organized some two years ago simply as a football team and comprising a small handful of members is, from present indications, destined to become the leading all round outdoor athletic association of the Hawaiian Islands.

At the present time the club has fully fifty active members, with applications for membership being received at every meeting. It is the intention of the club to take up general athletic sports and, for the season of 1901, it will have a baseball team, in intercollegiate football team and three basketball teams. In addition to this, a quintet club has been organized with John Sumner Ellis as leader.

At the regular monthly meeting of the club, which took place on February 13, a new constitution and by-laws were drawn up, to be acted upon at the next regular meeting. The following names were placed in nomination as officers for the ensuing year, the election to take place at the next regular monthly meeting which occurs the first Wednesday in March: R. D. King, for president; for vice president, G. F. Wright, P. Jarrett, John Vannetta and George Lucas; for recording secretary, Geo. Lucas; for financial secretary, E. V. Richardson; for treasurer, S. A. Crook and P. Jarrett; for property man, John Clark and H. H. Clark.

The matter of a baseball team was taken up, and G. F. Wright was elected manager.

It was also decided that basketball practice should again be renewed on next Monday.

The most important proceeding before the meeting was the discussion of the proposition of W. C. Achi, which was made a short time ago, whereby he agreed to give at greatly reduced rates to the Honolulu lovers of outdoor athletic sports and pastimes, sufficient land to establish spacious baseball grounds.

The consensus of opinion among the members present was to the effect, that steps be taken at once to acquire sufficient ground adjacent to the proposed baseball grounds and to erect thereon, a large and comfortable club house.

The boys are anxious to get hold of the property and everything possible will be done in that direction so that, in a few months, Honolulu may see a fine baseball field. In conjunction with this, they intend, if possible to make a race track and to lay out lawn tennis courts and a basketball field. These matters will be more fully discussed at the next meeting.

The Maile-Hima Club has included in its membership, a number of young men who represent a lot of money and it is to these that the club will look for their main support.

### Miss Kitchen to be Married.

Miss Alice Kitchen, formerly of this city, is engaged to be married to a Mr. Schultz, a very wealthy young man of New York City, where the Misses Kitchen went to live a couple of years ago. The wedding will take place in the near future. Mrs. C. W. Martfarslane, mother of Miss Kitchen, left for New York not long ago to attend the wedding of her daughter.

### Corp. Perry Who Killed Gen. Pilar

Corporal Perry of the 33d U. S. Infantry is the most prominent man aboard the transport Indiana. His prominence comes principally from the fact that he killed a man. In doing this, he rendered a great service to his country as the man killed by him was one of Uncle Sam's most rabid and active enemies in the Philippines. He was Gregorio Pilar, a general in the insurgent army and one of the best fighters the Filipinos had. When Pilar fell his force surrendered and so Corporal Perry got the credit for a good deed. As a memento of the day's work, Perry wears a five-dollar gold piece engraved with the triangle and allusion

ing eye which is the sign of the Filipino junta. The charm is set in diamonds, and is worn as a watch guard. It was taken from the body of Pilar by his slave.

The war in the Philippines has been bad business for the Pilar family who were all actively engaged in fighting Uncle Sam. Gregorio, the young general, was slain. His father, also a general, was captured and is now on the island of Guam as a prisoner of war. Several other members of the family are dead or have been taken prisoners. The father was one of the richest men in the Philippines and was the means of a great deal of money being supplied to the rebel cause.

### FOR CYCLE TRIED.

Mr. Whitman, the manager of the Tribune agency, went out for a spin on his new motor cycle this morning. He chose a very early hour so that there would not be any "rubber" except that on the tire of the wheels.

Mr. Whitman thus describes his trip, the very first taken by anyone on a motor cycle on the streets of Honolulu: "I went over to Alakea street and turned on the lowest power possible. It was my idea that the wheel would make a jump so I prepared myself. Instead of that, it started out as a man would do when pushing on the pedals, and then kept going faster and faster. I didn't burn, even a little bit.

"At Emma street, when I reached the steep grade, the machine went more slowly and climbed the hill without trouble. After that, I took a spin about the city and out to Waikiki. Everything worked splendidly."

### HASSON STEPS OUT

**NAMES OF NEW DEPUTIES IN REVENUE OFFICE**

**Old Employes will Dine With the Retiring Collector this Evening and Present Memorial.**

The Internal Revenue office opened this morning with R. H. Chamberlain in charge. He has appointed the following persons as office deputies: Harry D. Couzens, chief deputy; Philip R. Whelan, deputy and cashier; Walter F. Drake, division deputy; Albert M. Webster, deputy gauger; Charles Chong, deputy and messenger. The Chinese registration force remains the same.

W. F. C. Hasson, who retires from the office as Acting Collector, will take up his former line of work as consulting engineer, with offices in the Judd building. Mr. Hasson says he feels a glad sense of relief and does not regret the change from close office work to an occupation affording greater freedom.

He went into the Revenue office in June as a favor to Wm. Haywood and expected to remain only temporarily. The circumstances were such, however, that he stayed with the office and when Mr. Haywood left, he was made Acting Collector.

The old employes will at a private dinner tonight present Mr. Hasson with a beautiful engraved memorial as a token of their high personal regard and esteem.

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